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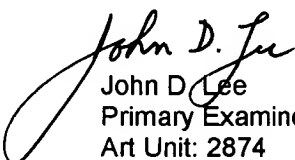
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The supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted on November 15, 2001, but not received until January 15, 2002, has been fully considered by the Examiner. A copy of the form PTO-1449 is attached to this letter. This supplemental IDS is deemed not to have any effect on the previously determined patentability of claims 7, 8, 11, 13-23, and 25-44 in this application. None of the newly received prior art documents discloses or reasonably suggests a cross-connect waveguide system with a diverting element for feeding first light energy at a predetermined wavelength having first information content away from a planar waveguide circuit, and for feeding second light energy at a predetermined wavelength having second information content into the planar waveguide circuit, wherein the diverting element is controlled with optically encoded information or by address headers of light energy containing configuration instructions.

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